

OFFICERS MAN MACHINE GUNS

"Eyewitness" Story Tells of
Extremity of German
Army.

FIGHT BY BOMBS' LIGHT

Theme of Official Story-teller Is Three
Week's Battle to Force British
Out of Ypres.

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London, May 22.—Furious attacks delivered over a period of three weeks by the Germans with heavy artillery and infantry, in an effort to force the British from Ypres, Belgium, have ended in complete failure, says an official "eyewitness" report issued by the government press bureau today. Terrible bombardments and violent infantry charges against the northern and eastern salients of the British lines at Ypres compelled the British to evacuate a few trenches, but the cost to the Germans was enormous. The narrative says that German officers manned machine guns at critical points on the German line where the fighting qualities of fresh German recruits, that had been rushed to the front, was in question. The account says that the British soldiers under artillery fire.

The narrative, dated May 18, says in part: "Counter-attacks north of Hooge and in the neighborhood of Vortorenkoek put us in possession of trenches that had been compelled earlier to abandon. As our men crept up behind a line, waiting the signal to attack, a party of Germans was seen to bolt hastily toward the rear. Some one raised a shout: 'They're off,' and our whole line rushed forward. All the German infantry, including those in the supporting line and the reserve trenches, broke and fled, meantime suffering severely from our artillery and machine-gun fire. We took numerous prisoners."

"Our position near Vortorenkoek was again subjected to tremendous artillery and machine-gun fire during the night and our line was re-established beyond the original trenches which were destroyed by shells."

Dying He Directs Fight.

"Throughout the battle our men were often lying exposed for hours to murderous artillery fire, but they remained perfectly steady and their morale was not shaken. The following case is not exceptional: "An officer who had been wounded in the thigh by a fragment of shell refused to be carried to the rear but lay upon open ground giving orders and directing operations while the battle raged around him. When the men in this vicinity were compelled to retire four of his men tried to rescue the wounded officer. Three of them were shot down just about to lift the officer from the ground when the latter ordered him to retain his regiment. The officer did not move."

"Thursday night was quiet. In the morning of the 14th (Friday) our line was strengthened. The cannonade became less heavy and the interval of comparative quiet in the work of collecting our wounded, many of whom were lying

LLOYD-GEORGE SLATED FOR KITCHENER'S PLACE



DAVID LLOYD
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BUSINESS MEN HUG BIG DOLLS

Board of Trade Has Gay Time
at Chesapeake Beach
Shad Bake.

SIX HUNDRED ATTEND

Parade, Hear Concert and Minstrel,
and Eat Planked Shad—Representatives Honor Guests.

Many a good Washington business man returned from Chesapeake Beach last night, hugging a big baby-doll. Oh, they were only the ordinary kind of dolls, but they were so large that the bachelor's friends might have thought he had been deceiving them. As to how they got them—when a fellow gets out with 600 friends, all bent upon having the best time possible, he is apt to forget a petty principle or two he has held for thirty years, and "take a chance, only three for a quarter, gentlemen."

It was that way at Chesapeake Beach yesterday, when the 600 business men, all from Washington, gathered about the tables set by the Board of Trade for its annual shad bake.

Creditor Forgets Debtor.

European wars, business worries, even reversals in baseball percentages were forgotten. Table neighbors, utter strangers before yesterday, smoked

their cigars together as do the oldest of friends, for good planked shad and excellent Havanas have rather a "good fellow" effect.

When the feast of the day was left to the bankers, business and professional men had gathered in Chesapeake Beach's only grandstand to hear the Board of Trade orchestra and Board of Trade minstrel. The creditor forgot his debtor should have applied the baker's price to an account and clapped him heartily on the back. All stayed for the music and minstrel, lasting about two hours, but the day was too rare for only a single devotion, the professional entertainers performing before but a few when the word went around that another buffet luncheon was being served.

Just as some four to five hundred crowded about the lunch counter for the afternoon's tea bliscuit, the sky's darkening clouds centered over the beach and a snappy rainstorm drove the merry-makers to cover, but not each had a pie and ham sandwich in hand.

By the time the bill-of-fare's encore was being rendered and the rain had stopped, the bankers' professional and business men had split into little groups, in which nothing heavier than Clark Griffith's chances to win the pennant were discussed. These same little groups boarded the train intact and finished the trip according to their comfort.

Clique and New Friends.

"What kind of a time did you have?" was an inane, superfluous question. Those men who left Washington in a skeptical frame of mind, afraid they would be among strangers, found the whole crowd was "with them." If a friend of an hour palled on one, then the member of some clique of several years' test would be seen strolling along the promenade. The first train of the Board of Trade members arrived at the beach shortly before noon. It was planned to have athletic contests, including a few lullaby numbers, but so much time was

taken up in getting acquainted that when the train pulled in about 3 o'clock no contests had been held.

Headed by the band, the 600 merchants and professional men paraded over the boardwalk, past the stands of chance and ended on the green in front of the restaurant. When their pictures had been duly recorded, including both motion and old-fashioned, a rush was made for the tables.

While the men smoked and picked out their faces in the photographs, the board's glee club began the entertainment. In the club are Charles R. Bartlett, director; Harry W. Howard, accompanist; William A. Rogers, librarian; Clarence Sorrell, Walter Sorrell, David M. Lea, William A. Rogers, F. J. White, Horace Ward, Edgar R. S. Embrey, Odell Smith, P. F. Grove, Harry Kirke, Charles J. Waters, Odell Whipple, Earl Carbaugh, E. F. Colquhoun, William Calbaugh, W. H. Waters, and Edwin Callow. Edwin Callow and Paul F. Grove were directors of the minstrel show, Charles Shackelford being interlocutor.

Many Guests of Honor.

The guests of honor included Representative George W. Edwards, Daniel A. Driscoll, Michael F. Phelan, Ascher C. Hinds, Charles R. Caldwell, S. Taylor North, James McClintic, Charles P. Coady, Hunter H. Moore, Jr., James T. Lloyd, Howard Sutherland, and Thomas P. Kane, Deputy Controller of the Currency, Commissioner Brownlow, Commissioner Kutz, Justice Charles R. Robb, and Justice Josiah A. Van Orsdel.

Klopfert, Albert E. Landvoigt, Malcolm A. Macdonald, George H. Markward, Edward J. Murphy, Duncan D. Ransdell, William A. Rogers, E. Dwight Ryerson, George C. Schafer, W. Hamilton Smith, Edwin K. Staley, Orney W. Stratton, Charles J. Waters, Fred J. White, Louis C. Wilson, and Bert V. Wolfe.

On the dinner committee were Edward J. Murphy, chairman; E. R. Adams, George C. Altman, John C. Athey, Lorenzo A. Bailey, Harvey C. Beltr, J. Rosier Biggs, H. Boesch, Charles W. Bohannon, J. C. Bowery, W. W. Bowley, J. H. Brewer, August Brill, Gustav Buckholz, N. L. Burchell, John C. Cassidy, William Claiborn, B. E. Clark, C. F. Clifton, George W. Combs, Charles Conrad, George G. Cornwell, Albert T. Coumbe, Joseph H. Cranford, Joseph H. Curran, O. A. Damsenbaker, Jules A. Demonet, Iarance F. Donohoe, Carl A. Droop, P. A. Drury, B. R. Earnshaw, F. R. Eaton, H. W. Fisher, Ralph L. Galt, John F. Gerhold, Benjamin S. Graves, John Hansen, N. V. Haden, William J. Holtman, Francis H. Javins, Frank A. Jones, Rudolph Jose, Michael A. Keane, Walter Leaman, Adolph Loch, Townley McKee, Robert McMurray, E. H. Maltby, E. H. Neumeyer, B. P. Nyce, James L. Owens, T. C. Phillips, E. E. Shea, T. D. Sloat, D. V. Smythe, Harry C. Tabbert, L. N. Tolman, Seaton W. Trunell, L. Uiman, G. T. Wade, P. M. Walker, R. L. Warren, E. O. Whitford, C. E. Wire, A. S. Young, and O. B. Zantinger.

RECEIVE WASHINGTON RELICS.

Mr. Vernon Given Rare Collection by Mrs. Louis C. Lehr.
Receipt of a valuable collection of relics from Mrs. Louis C. Lehr marked the closing yesterday of the annual meeting of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association at the Washington Mansion at Mount Vernon.

Washington; brooch owned by Martha Washington and given by her to Nellie Custis; a sash which belonged to George Washington; fruit knives, a bed quilt of patchwork, a pair of jet bracelets, belonging to Mrs. Washington; beaded bag given by Mrs. Washington to Nellie Custis; crib given by Mrs. Washington to Nellie Custis for her first child; a grocery bill completely written by George Washington and receipted by V. Crawford, January 7, 1783.

HANK O'DAY MAY JOIN FEDS.

Only Question of Salary Remains to Be Decided.

Chicago, May 22.—Henry O'Day, veteran umpire and manager in the National League, practically has concluded negotiations for joining the Federal League staff of umpires, it became known today.

President Gilmore, of the Federal organization, said he had reached terms with O'Day on all proposals, with the exception of salary, which he expects to settle. Gilmore has had several complaints against two of his present umpires, and it is said that the men in question may be released.

Futurity Races Illegal.

Albany, May 22.—The state fair commission of 1913 and 1914 awarded its authority in establishing the so-called futurity races to be run at the State Fair in Syracuse in 1915, 1916 and 1917, and the monies collected from horse owners to cover the expenses of these events, aggregating up to date \$125,000, must be returned to the owners. Attorney General Robert E. Woodbury has rendered an opinion to this effect. The new State fair commission, which was reluctant to carry on the project until its legality had been passed upon.

Final Races Today.

New York, May 22.—Seven well-filled events will make up the program at Belmont Park Terminal this afternoon, when the spring meeting of the United States Racing Association will be held. Nearly all the prominent patrons of the turf whose active participation in the racing meets have taken place in the metropolitan district, a racing season that promises to restore the sport to its old-time popularity have entered the pick of their stables and keen competition is sure to result.

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PARLEYING WITH BRITAIN HALTED

U. S. Awaits England's Assurance that It Understands
Limitations of Conference.

Pending the receipt of assurances from the British government giving satisfactory evidence that it thoroughly understands that the conference between officers of the British Embassy and the State Department with regard to certain shipping matters were wholly informal, unofficial, and not binding on the United States government, these conferences have been suspended. Announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Bryan yesterday.

It is expected that the required statement from the British government will be forthcoming early this week. The conferences will then be resumed on their former basis, according to the present plan.

Spring-Rice Calls.

Ambassador Spring-Rice called at the State Department yesterday and satisfied all officials there with whom he talked that there was no misunderstanding on the part of the Embassy. The Embassy and the State Department are in absolute accord as to the unofficial character of the aid which officers of the State Department have been giving to American shippers and importers with reference to trade questions.

Two recent statements on the part of the British foreign office, however, have led officials here to believe either that the British government was deliberately attaching an unwarranted significance to the unofficial conferences, or else had become careless about maintaining the distinction. It is felt it would be dangerous to let these discussions proceed until all evidence of a misunderstanding of their character on the part of the British government was removed, lest the United States government find itself in a position of having accepted the implied British view, and thereby committed itself to an acceptance of the British orders-in-council which are the chief occasion of the present differences between the two governments.

Mr. Bryan's Announcement.

Mr. Bryan's announcement was as follows: "In view of differences which have arisen in the informal and unofficial conferences between Sir Richard Crawford, the commercial adviser of the British Embassy, and Robert A. Ross and W. B. Fleming, the trade advisers of the Department of State, who have been, in a personal capacity, representing the importers of the United States, Mr. Ross and Mr. Fleming have decided that they cannot continue these conferences until certain of the difficulties have been removed, and they have therefore made a full report of what has taken place to the Department of State and will avail themselves of its action."

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